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I recently became aware that SCAO has told the judges that the case processing guidelines are now going to become required and that SCAO will make public each judges "report card" showing how many cases they have that exceed the case processing deadlines. I fear that this will cause some judges to refuse to adjourn preliminary exams and trials for any reason because they will show up negatively in the report, even if good cause is shown. This will result in prosecutors dismissing cases where either we or defense counsel cannot proceed when the court won't adjourn. There is a cost in case delays, processing the paperwork, officers re-swearing to the complaint and appointed counsel being paid twice for handling one case. Also the defendants will have to subject to arrest more than one time. Please consider these effects with respect to the case processing guidelines.

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